

**Ruthven City Council Meeting**  
**March 23, 2022- 6:30 PM**

The Ruthven City Council, of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, met on the 23rd Day of March 2022, at 6:30 PM, in regular session, at the Ruthven social center to accommodate attendees, pursuant to law and to the rules of said council.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dustin Johnson in the Chair, and the roll being called, the following members were present; Mitch Anderson, Ashley Williamson, Marci Simington and Casey Pomeroy Absent; Terrance Williams

City employees present: Dave Conlon, Toad Loder, Jessica Schneider, Anesa McGregor

Public: Darren Bumgarner NWIPDC, Attorney Dave Stein, Kenny Grandstaff, Sherry Ruggles, Brenda Heilstedt, Charlie Heilstedt, Jay Schoning, Jan Bredehoeft, Delray Bredehoeft, Gary Knoer, Myron Sargisson, Carla Larson

Motion Simington, second Williamson to approve Minutes from March 9th, 2022, City Council Meeting, Claims Report and Clerk's Financial Reports. Vote: Ayes; Anderson, Williamson, Simington and Pomeroy. Nays: None Absent; Williams

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open at 6:31 p.m. for the city of Ruthven to review an application for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan and to make available to the public the contents of an environmental information document and the City's project plan. No objectors were present or filed written objections to the City Clerk, so the public hearing was declared closed at 6:32 p.m.

Motion Simington, second Anderson to approve the Environmental Information Document. Roll Call Vote-Ayes: Williamson, Simington and Pomeroy and Nays: None. Absent: Williams

Dave Conlon Public Works Director discussed progress on the building at the lagoon.

Motion Williamson, Second Anderson on the approval of the demolition grant of property 2701 Rolling St. vote: Ayes; Anderson, Williamson, Simington and Pomeroy Nays: None. Absent: Williams

Motion Anderson, second Williamson to approve RESOLUTION 12-2022 – A Resolution naming depositories for the City of Ruthven, Iowa. Roll Call Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Williamson, Simington and Pomeroy Nays: None. Absent: Williams

Motion Simington, second Pomeroy to approve RESOLUTION 13-2022 – A Resolution for Institute Support for City of Ruthven Clerk Class. Roll Call Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Williamson, Simington and Pomeroy Nays: None. Absent: Williams

Motion Anderson, second Williamson to approve RESOLUTION 14-2022 – A Resolution of appointment of City Representative to Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority. Roll Call Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Williamson, Simington and Pomeroy Nays: None. Absent: Williams

Motion Anderson, second Pomeroy to approve RESOLUTION 15-2022 – A Resolution of the City of Ruthven, Iowa, authorizing the Acceptance of BIDS from contractors for property "19-HSG-019-A" and "19-HSG-019-B" as part of the Ruthven Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program. Roll Call Vote-Ayes: Anderson, Williamson, Simington and Pomeroy Nays: None. Absent: Williams

Carla Larson was present to inform the city council of the Lost Island Wind Project. Carla discussed that they are wanting to put the windmills North of town and they will be 600 ft tall which would be larger than the ones South of town and the ones in Emmetsburg. Carla mentioned there are a lot of people against the windmills. She will be holding a meeting in Ruthven on April 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss the issue more. Carla, Jan, and Delray also mentioned that the next supervisors meeting will be on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Attorney Dave Stein mentioned that typically this is a county situation, but also noted to watch for public notices so you can go and let your voice be heard.

Mayor Johnson went through citizen complaints with council that have been turned into City Hall. They started with 1506 Main Street with items blocking the sidewalk. Kenny Grandstaff was present to discuss his property. Kenny mention that when he bought the property years ago there was no sidewalk,

and the property is zoned a C-1 (Downtown commercial). Kenny also mentioned that if you are going to do something about all these complaints then everyone else who has complaints need to be followed through also. It was brought to the council's attention that the issue with this property has been moved. Attorney Stein mentioned if it has been moved it is a non-issue.

1107 Gowrie Street was next on the list for a rock next to driveway in easement. Sherry Ruggles mentioned the rock had been there for 15 years and she has never had a complaint. Darren Bumgarner brought to attention that it is landscaping on city structure and there is really no ordinance that would prohibit this. Attorney Stein mentioned that people need to realize if the city has work to do on city property that they are not responsible for the landscaping items. Pomeroy mentioned to leave the rock be as long as Ruggles is aware if work needs to be done in that area the city is not responsible. Williamson mentioned she has no problem with landscaping. Council agreed.

1607 Washington Street was next for objects in the easement. Myron Sargisson was present to discuss the flower bed that is on the easement. Pomeroy same thing as 1107 Gowrie Street and to leave it be. Council agreed.

1905 Old Hwy 18 came up next for the garbage cans on easement. Brenda and Charlie Heilstedt were present to discuss her property and that the cans have been there in the box that was made to keep garbage from blowing across the street for at least 5 years. Darren brought to attention ordinance 105.10 Waste Storage Containers. It states that residential solid waste containers shall be stored upon the residential premises. Simington asked if they would be willing to have the guys show them where their property is and where the right of way starts and move it. Brenda agreed for this to happen. Council members were in agreeance to remeasure and move off the right of way.

1207 Center St. was the next citizen complaint that was discussed. Council discussed several of the items on the complaint form. Anderson mentioned getting a letter in the mail to the property owner. All council members were in agreeance.

1708 Mitchell Street, 1708 Rolling Street and 1707 Highland all had complaints turned in about snow removal on their sidewalks. Dave Conlon spoke on his sidewalk and mentioned that the sidewalk starts at the street and curves around to the front door of his house. Anderson then mentioned a lot of the sidewalks start at one property then the next property has no sidewalks. Our sidewalks literally lead to nowhere. Attorney Stein stated that the bottom line is the city has some discretion.

Motion Williamson, Second Simington to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m. vote: Ayes; Anderson, Williamson, Simington and Pomeroy Nays: None. Absent:

SIGNED:

ATTEST:

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Dustin Johnson, Mayor of Ruthven

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Jessica Schneider, City Clerk

